

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in reference to Docket No.: 12-0598, Ameren Transmission Company Illinios River Project.

ILLINOIS
COMMERCE COMMISSION
FEB 6 2014
Office of Chairman
and Commissioners

I am writing representing my mother, Henrietta Ladage, aunt Mary Jessup, and mother-in-law Jean Williams. All of the above have given me permission to represent them in this matter. I am the farmer-tenant who farms the ground that they own.

This proposed line will cross each of them. According to the very vague maps that we have received, the line will be very close to Henrietta Ladage's farm home, and will no doubt, definitely hurt the value of her property. Not to mention devaluing the property values of all three of these farms. The application of fungicides, insecticide, GPS equipment, added compaction, etc. will not only create, extreme inconvenience for me as the farmer-tenant, but will devalue the property values of these farms. Some of the highest valued appraised farms in the area. The biggest threat, is the known fact, that these problems will go on forever and ever. All three of these farms are family farms that will surely continue to be family owned and no doubt continue to be family operated farms. Our roots are planted deep on these farms and the threat of this line coming across us is devastating to us, making us question if, this really is a free country when a major conglomerate like this, could inflict this un-wanted detriment to our happiness on us, and us, and with us not being able to stop it. However. We plan to do everything that we can, (legally) to stop this line from crossing us! Just seeing that helicopter flying low, crossing our land in the direct line of the proposed line (more than once) was a cheap shot and a infringement of our rights in my opinion!

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